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Fitness Center Introduces High-Tech Equipment

Have you ever wanted to take a run through Central Park in New York City, or bike along the crashing shores of the blue Pacific on Oahu's North Shore? Now you can experience what it feels like to do just

that. [The Recreation and Fitness Center](#) has unveiled a significant upgrade in fitness equipment. "Life Fitness" machines featuring interactive courses for hikes, runs, and biking through famous locations around the world, have been installed in the Fitness Room and are ready for use by Center members.



The equipment—eight treadmills, six elliptical, and three stationary bikes, all have internet access. The machines are compatible with Apple and Android devices, which allow exercisers to interact with their favorite fitness apps and wearable trackers, or to just surf the web as the calories burn away.

Don't forget, all GSU students are enrolled in the Recreation and Fitness Center when they obtain or validate their student ID card. A current student can also add an adult household member, at a discounted rate, by providing proof of residency. GSU Alumni Association members are also eligible to receive a discounted membership. In addition to the Fitness Center, members have access to all the facilities, including the [University Golf Club](#), the gymnasium, Olympic-style lap pool, locker rooms, and racquetball court. [Get signed up today!](#)

July 11 Open House a Big Success



A total of 145 people attended GSU's Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, July 11. Prospective students were given information on [admission requirements](#), [campus life](#), and [student housing](#), as well as specific undergraduate programs.

Students met with Governors State faculty and academic advisors. Representatives from [Financial Aid](#) met with students to discuss plans for financing education, and housing representatives provided information about living in [Prairie Place](#). Plenty of GSU "swag" such as T-shirts and cups were given out as gifts.

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GSU Retiree McDaniel Authors Two Books



Nancy McDaniel

Congratulations to Nancy McDaniel, who retired last year from the College of Arts and Sciences. A Christian romance novelist, ordained Evangelist, and founder of the Balm of Gilead Ministries, Inc., Nancy's second novel, "The Mission," will be released late August 2015. The book is a sequel to her first publication, "The Promise." Nancy was certified in June as a [SPAA](#) (Speaker Publishers and Authors Association) Certified Professional Speaker, and was also named the SPAA 2015 Author of the Year. Nancy is scheduled to be a guest on The AC Green Radio Show on 106.3 FM on Sunday, July 19, between 2 and 5 p.m., "The Promise" is available on her website: www.njmcDaniel.com.

BUZZ

ROAR Leader Documents Orientation Day for Social Media

Freshmen and their parents attended Freshman Orientation Day July 14. The event, part of the New Student Programs, is now called "ROAR" for Resources, Orientation, Advising and Registration, and began with welcome and introductions from the ROAR leaders, including sophomore Brittany Smith. The ROAR Leaders have become great ambassadors for GSU, helping the new students and their parents find their way around and answering any questions they might have.



Brittany Smith

Brittany took over the [GSU Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts for the day and kept everyone apprised with posts on ROAR events. During her "takeover," Brittany posted pictures and commentary as students attended sessions on Smart Start, Academics, and First Year Peer Mentoring.

Britany, who is interested in Media Studies, sees the ROAR sessions as a way to introduce GSU to students who may have been apprehensive about starting college. "I wanted to become a ROAR leader because I like to see people getting excited about GSU. I want to relate to them how small and personal GSU is, and I think they see that when they meet the faculty and staff during ROAR," Brittany said.

The ROAR leaders do a masterful job of giving students information on what they can expect at GSU. Brittany said that doesn't stop them from having a little fun at the newbie's expense. "We tell them that it's bad luck to step on the GSU seal, that F Wing is haunted, and that the Paul Bunyan statue moves at night. I don't think they believe much of that. I still go out of my way to not step on the seal, though. You never know."

Campus has New Wireless Infrastructure

Getting and staying connected to the GSU wireless network will be easier with the recent completion of a new wireless access point infrastructure throughout all internal campus buildings. The new system was designed to be more secure and will allow seamless roaming across campus without the need to reconnect as you move around campus. In addition, you will now be able to connect wirelessly outside, as coverage was added to the north side of the main building that covers the south side of the pond and walking paths.

Please contact the GSU Helpdesk at 708-534-H-E-L-P (4357) with any questions or if you need assistance.

Bookstore Summer Clearance



The [GSU Bookstore](#) is having a Summer Clearance Event. From June 29-July 26, take an additional 30 percent off already reduced items. The offer is not valid on food items, Starbucks products or graduation items and cannot be combined with any other offer.

Locker Rooms Temporarily Closed

Due to locker room renovations, the swimming pool and women's locker room will be closed on Thursday, July 16 and Monday, July 20 from 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Summer Hours Ending July 31

The last day of the Friday Summer Hours Program for employees will be Friday, July 31, 2015. Regular work hours will resume on August 3, 2015.

EVENTS

GSU Days at Great America



GSU Days at Great America are August 8 & 9. Discounted tickets are available to use on the designated days for entry into the park through the [Cashiers' Office](#) for \$30 per ticket. Purchase tickets to enjoy fun and excitement with your friends and family.

Ticket sales are on a first come, first served basis. Contact [Student Life](#) for additional information at 708-235-7653.

On-Campus Student Employment Workshop for Hiring Managers

[The Office of Career Services](#) is hosting a workshop for **GSU Department Hiring Managers** to explain the hiring process for Federal Work Study and Regular Student Employment on Campus. "Employing Students Helps GSU, Students and You!" will be held in two sessions: Thursday, July 9 (Room B2200) and Wednesday, July 15 (Room B2215). Both sessions are from Noon-1 p.m. Information will also be provided on registering as an on-campus employer for the upcoming August Student Employment Fair. For more information, call 708.235.3974. **Students should plan to attend the Student Employment Fair on August 26, 2015.**

Summer STEM Camps at GSU



GSU is hosting summer programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for grade school and high school students. Hands-on STEM Fun! will be held July 20-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A Hands-on STEM Fun! Camp for students in grades 6-7 will be held July 20-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is required for all the camps. For more information, contact Melinda Elliott at melliott@govst.edu or govst.edu/cas/stemcamp. See the [2014 STEM Camp](#) video.

Scholarship Scramble Golf Outing July 24



Join the [GSU Foundation](#) for its Scholarship Scramble Golf Outing Friday, July 24, 2015 at the [University Golf Club & Conference Center](#), 23520 Crawford Avenue. The day will feature 18 holes of golf, lunch, contests, and prizes. A dinner buffet and awards presentation will follow. Proceeds from the Scholarship Scramble will provide merit and financial need-based scholarship opportunities to deserving students in pursuit of bachelor's degrees. Call Angela Mehalek at 708.235.2832 for more information. Sponsorship and raffle opportunities are also available [when you register](#).

Call for Latino Heritage Month Programs

Friday, August 21 is the deadline to submit programs for Latino Heritage Month. Celebrated September 15-October 15, Latino Heritage Month recognizes the history, culture, and contributions of Latinos in our global society past, present, and future. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Please submit your program, including title, description, program date, and type (lecture, service, social, visual arts, performing arts) online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LatinoHeritageMonth>. For more information or questions, email diversity@govst.edu or call x4551.

SAVE THE DATE

Shrek the Musical at CPA

The Crete-Monee Enrichment Program has been selected as the first high school theatre group to participate in GSU's new Theatre & Performance Studies (T.A.P.S.) High School Theatre Collaborative. Students and program participants will be presenting "Shrek the Musical" at [The Center for Performing Arts](#) from July 24-26. The mission of the collaborative is to partner with high school theatre groups in developing, educating, and inspiring young actors and technicians in their craft.



Performers in the Crete-Monee Enrichment Program rehearse a scene from "Shrek the Musical."

"Shrek the Musical" is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, and is a TONY Award-winning fairytale adventure. It features all new songs and brings all the beloved characters from the film to life on stage. It's irreverent fun for the whole family.

Performances are Friday, July 24 at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, July 26 at 2 p.m. [Tickets](#) are \$15; \$10 for students.

Do You Conduct Research Involving Human Subjects?

The Office for Human Resource Protections will present a Research Community Forum: "Human Subjects Research: Current Challenges in the Modern Research World" at GSU Tuesday, July 28. Elizabeth Buchanan, Ph.D., Endowed Chair in Ethics and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will give the Keynote speech, "A New Internet Research Ethics Program." Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu/>.

ADA Resource Fair July 29



GSU will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with an Alternative Accommodations Resource Fair, Wed., July 29 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Learn about the services and programs that local, regional, and state agencies provide for our special needs community. The fair will feature speakers, presentations, and other valuable information about the ADA.

The event is free, and everyone is welcome. Vendor tables are also free. For information and to reserve a vendor table, contact rsweeney@govst.edu, or 708.235.3968.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball, Volleyball Announce Signings

In anticipation of GSU's initial season as an [NAIA](#) university, the Athletic Department has announced the signings of two more student athletes, one each for the women's basketball and volleyball teams. [GeLina Webb](#), a 5'6" point guard transfer from AIB: College of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, will join the women's basketball squad. [Alexis Gayton](#), a freshman from Crete High School, joins the women's volleyball team.

An honor roll student at AIB, GeLina started all 27 games last year, and was the team's leading scorer, averaging 12.3 points per game. Alexis was also an honor roll student in high school, and was an All-Conference athlete who achieved an impressive 8 digs and 2 blocks per set.



Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our photo of double rainbow over GSU and a great education at the end of the rainbow post :

Cheryl Hague I see it as the beginning



Response to our GSU's original entrance photo post asking our friends where it was :

Joan Janowiak Johns Maloney In the D Atrium.



Response to Happy Birthday GSU post :

Vicky Raparathi Happy Birthday GSU
Jesse Garth Happy Birthday GSU!
Peterson Alexander My Grad school Alma-mater!

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The university has undergone many changes over the years, but is ever-evolving, forward-thinking, and with an eye toward an even bigger celebration in a few years.

Looking forward, GSU's strategic plan, Vision 2020, sets the course for the university's development for the next five years and establishes GSU's Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and details its Core Values and eight Institutional Goals. GSU President Elaine Maimon offers her congratulations: "Happy Birthday, GSU! The transformation continues, as the university miraculously increases in youthful energy even as it becomes more mature. We begin the countdown now to our fiftieth birthday. In only

four years we will celebrate a half century of promoting student success."

If you really want to brush up on your GSU history, you can read GSU's first newsletter, meet its first student, and see many other historical treasures in the library's [GSU History section](#)!

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All the food is prepared on premises, and features include daily specials, themed meals and a loyalty card program. Each day, the menu will consist of a Great Start breakfast item such as a breakfast sandwich, pancakes, or French toast. Lunch categories include a Grill Favorite, such as a chicken breast or cheeseburger, a hearty "Homestyle Creations" option, such as pork loin or pot roast, a sandwich special, a "Quick Fix" item such as a chef's salad or fresh fruit platter, and an "Arena Lifestyles" choice.



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The Arena Lifestyles option, such as roast chicken or Moroccan style salmon, features healthier preparation methods and sensible portion sizes. Many of the items that will be served at the Arena Lifestyle station will be made from Weight Watcher recipes and will list the Weight Watchers Points on the menu board. These healthier concept items will complement the GSU's Human Resources Department's initiatives to make the university a worksite that actively promotes employee health.



The café's selection of fresh deli sandwiches lets the customer choose from a variety of bread, meats, cheese, condiments, and toppings.

In addition to the daily specials, Stacy said a variety of freshly made salads, soups, and deli sandwiches are available every day. And, if you're craving dessert, there is a variety of freshly baked sweet rolls and muffins, as well as an assortment of cakes and pies. And coffee. Lots of coffee. In addition to the Starbucks selections GSU customers have grown to expect, the café now features Seattle's Best coffee starting at only \$1 for a 12 oz. cup.

"We are going to be feeling out what our customers want. We have the ability to be flexible, and we want to hear comments. Right now as we're starting is the best time to hear about what our customers would like to eat," he said.

Customers can follow GSU Foodservice through its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts to not only make suggestions, but to quickly find out about daily specials.

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Since joining the faculty in 2012, Patrick has staged poetry, traditional dramas and comedies, and a musical, "A... My Name Is Alice," a tongue-in-cheek cabaret performance that explored women's identities.

"I try to cultivate a passion for storytelling with my students. Stories are bridges, ways that we connect across experiences. That's beautiful. That's art. Art should spark story.

"I was hired three years ago to build a program, and we now have one that is full of momentum. We are the only state university to bridge the disciplines of theatre and performance studies, using performance to understand human communication and vice versa, which makes us a truly innovative program."

The TAPS major went live in 2014 with the university's first freshman class, and offers courses such as The Storytelling Tradition, Performance of Literature, Performing Gender and Sexuality, Performing Culture and Identity, Performance and Social Change, and Writing as Performance, in addition to more traditional offerings in acting, directing, history, criticism, dramaturgy, and technical theatre. The program prepares students for performance-focused careers on stage; behind-the-scenes technical careers such as stage management, lighting design, and direction; performance criticism and education.

Girded with a Ph.D. in Performance Studies from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a wealth of theatrical experience—he has acted, directed, and stage managed in academic and professional settings—Patrick encourages his students to find a dialogue between the material and their own lives.

"Performance can change people's lives. When we recognize performance as ever-present, we can not only better understand ourselves, but the world around us."

Patrick's next production is Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451." [Auditions](#) will be held September 1 and 3 at the Center for Performing Arts. Producers are casting a large ensemble of high energy, versatile, and creative performers—women and men, students and non-students, faculty and staff, novices and veterans of all ages—interested in creating science fiction magic. Those interested in auditioning should prepare a one-minute monologue showcasing intensity (focus, power, force, etc.) Schedule an audition or contact Patrick at 708.235.2842 or psantoro@govst.edu for more information.

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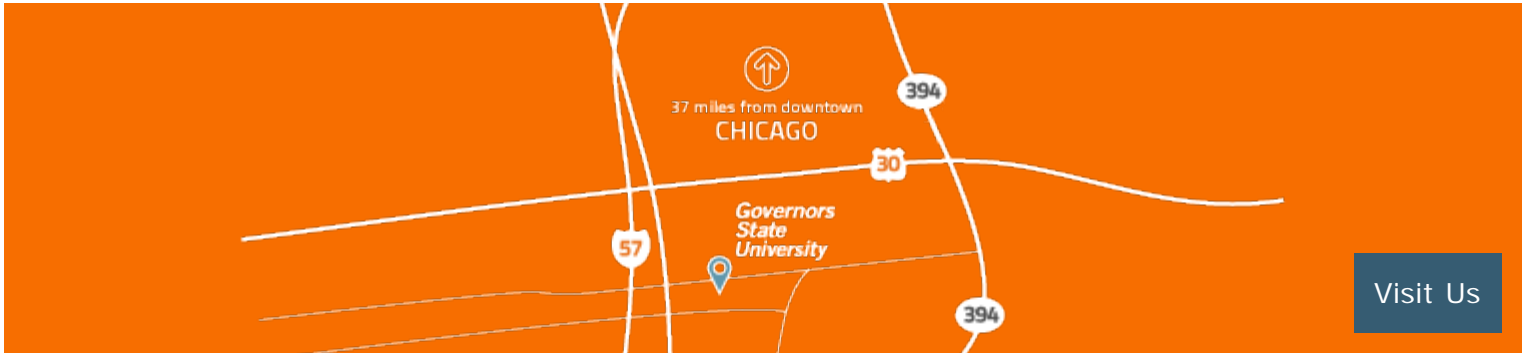
Happy Thanksgiving!

We Wish Our GSU Community a Happy and Warm Thanksgiving

Remember the campus will be closed from Thursday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 29. In the meantime, what are you thankful for? Go online and use #ThankfulGSU to post your thoughts.

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Presidents of the 15 conference schools voted unanimously to accept GSU after a short presentation by the university's leaders.

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Matt Gentry, a doctoral Physical Therapy program two-time Olympic wrestler

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GSU NAMED A MODEL OF EXCELLENCE BY NATIONAL BUSINESS PUBLICATION

GSU is being honored by a national business publication as a "Model of Excellence" for its Dual Degree

Program (DDP).

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ARTIST'S MESSAGE ON SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS BECOMES PART OF GSU CAMPUS

Jeff Stevenson was looking for a project to get his art class involved with in conjunction with GSU's One Book One University program of "Start Something That Matters." The result is a work of art that will have the university reflecting on the plight of Syrian refugees.

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FOR VETERAN ENTREPRENEURS, THE SKY’S THE LIMIT

Calvin Young has an idea. He wants farmers to be able to see distressed areas in their crops while sitting in their living rooms.

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